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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS - COST SHARING

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1. US DELEGATION MAY AGREE TO DELETION OF BRACKETED
LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE XI(1) WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT MUTUALLY
AGREEABLE COST-SHARING FORMULAE FOR O&M WILL BE INCLUDED
IN INSTALLATION APPENDICES IN A FORM CLEARLY REFLECTING
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EXCEPTION TO ARTICLE XI OF DCA. FURTHERMORE, SUCH APPEN-

DICES WILL BE CONCLUDED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH DCA. ALSO, IF FACILITIES APPENDICES ARE EVENTUALLY RENAMED AND SEPARATED FROM DCA PACKAGE FOR PURPOSE OF PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL, WE WOULD WANT TO ASSURE OURSELVES THAT GOG WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ACQUIRE ANY NEEDED DOMESTIC LEGAL AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THEM.

2. WE DO NOT SEE THAT ARTICLE III, PARA 1 OF DRAFT DCA ITSELF LIMITS SCOPE OF O&M RESPONSIBILITY OF US UNDER ARTICLE XI, SINCE A "MILITARY AND SUPPORTING FACILITY" IS PRESUMABLY ANY FACILITY WITHIN A GREEK INSTALLATION WHICH THE UNITED STATES USES, INCLUDING FOR EXAMPLE, THE RUNWAY AND OTHER AIRPORT FACILITIES AT HELLENIKON. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT COMMONLY USED AIRFIELD FACILITIES LIKE RUNWAYS WILL BE

DELINEATED IN FACILITY PLANS TO BE ANNEXED TO SOUDA AND HELLENIKON APPENDICES, AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE O&M COST-SHARING FORMULA (COMMENTS ON IRAKLION FOLLOW SEPTTEL). IF JOINTLY USED AIRFIELD FACILITIES AT THESE TWO SITES ARE NOT TO BE TREATED AS MILITARY AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES, WE WOULD NEED PROVISION ELSEWHERE IN DCA GRANTING US RIGHT TO USE THESE FACILITIES, FOR WHICH PURPOSE ACCESS PROVISION AS IT NOW STANDS IS NOT ADEQUATE.

3. IN REVIEWING RECORD OF FIRST WEEK OF INFORMAL SIXTH ROUND IN ATHENS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT ALTHOUGH COST-SHARING FORMULAE COVERING SUCH MATTERS AS O&M, LANDING FEES, AND SECURITY COSTS WILL EVENTUALLY BE FOUND, AGREEMENT IN THIS AREA WILL TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT. SINCE OUR OBJECTIVE REMAINS TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS IN NEXT ONE TO THREE WEEKS, DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME STEARNS DISCUSSING ISSUE INFORMALLY ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WITH CALOGERAS AND THEN PROVIDING WASHINGTON WITH HIS IDEAS ON HOW THIS INTRICATE SET OF PROBLEMS CAN BEST BE RESOLVED SPEEDILY. KISSINGER

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